IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yoshihiro EMORI et al. GAU: **UNASSIGNED** SERIAL NO: NEW APPLICATION **EXAMINER: UNASSIGNED** FILED: **HEREWITH** FOR: RAMAN AMPLIFIER REQUEST FOR PRIORITY COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313 SIR: ■ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/950,779, filed September 13, 2001, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120. □ Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e): Application No. **Date Filed** Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below. In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority: **COUNTRY** APPLICATION NUMBER MONTH/DAY/YEAR Japan 2000-006567 January 14, 2000 2000-199548 June 30, 2000 Japan Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s) are submitted herewith ☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee will be filed in prior application Serial No. 09/950,0779 filed September 13, 2001 were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304. ☐ (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and ☐ (B) Application Serial No.(s) are submitted herewith will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee Respectfully Submitted, OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND, **Customer Number** MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C. Tel. (703) 413-3000

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